

<b>Streamlined Forensic Report (SFR2)</b>	<b>MG 22 C</b>
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**EXPERT RESPONSE – FINGERPRINTS**

Relates to (person):	A. Suspect	Crime/Occ. No:	Crime System Reference Number
Location:	A. Vehicle (VRM Details)	Forensic Case Ref:	SSU Ref
Date of Offence:	12/07/2020	Forensic Lab Ref:	Use if/as required
		Other Ref 1:	Docket No.
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Statement provided by:	Fingerprint Officer	Organisation:	Police Force
Date of Statement:	03/03/2021		

	<p>I understand that A.Suspect refutes the fingerprint identification.</p> <p><b>Stage 2 response</b></p> <p>On 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020, in the SCD Fingerprint Hub based at (Police) Headquarters in (Location), I took possession of the above case reference docket, which contained fingerprint exhibits AH/1 and AH/2.</p> <p>I compared the fingerprints disclosed in these exhibits against a set of Fingerprints in the name of A.Suspect, exhibit reference GAB/13, bearing the unique reference 12345/67B and Arrest Summons number 20/42AZ/01/654321F. I have indicated the identified marks and the features found in agreement below, with none in disagreement:</p>									
1.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Exhibit</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Corresponding to areas of the set of finger and palm prints in the name of A.Suspect GAB/13</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Features in agreement:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mark indicated as PRINT1 in exhibit AH/1</td> <td>Left Thumb</td> <td>Ridge pattern and 42 features.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark indicated as PRINT2 in exhibit AH/2</td> <td>Right Thumb</td> <td>Ridge flow and 23 features.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p><b>In summary, it is my opinion that the marks indicated as PRINT1 and PRINT2, and the set of Fingerprints in the name of A.Suspect bearing exhibit reference GAB/13 and unique reference 12345/67B, were made by the same person.</b></p> <p>The original set of finger and palm prints and the original case notes are retained within the SCD Fingerprint Hub and will be made available for inspection if required.</p>	Exhibit	Corresponding to areas of the set of finger and palm prints in the name of A.Suspect GAB/13	Features in agreement:	Mark indicated as PRINT1 in exhibit AH/1	Left Thumb	Ridge pattern and 42 features.	Mark indicated as PRINT2 in exhibit AH/2	Right Thumb	Ridge flow and 23 features.
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2.	<p><a href="#">[state issue and respond here]</a></p> <p><b>If further issues need addressing, add here.</b></p>									

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## Evidence Type Supporting / Technical Information

### Range of Opinion Declaration

The findings expressed in this Streamlined Forensic Report are matters of opinion, not statements of fact. However, evaluation of forensic evidence such as this is supported by study and experience, applying specialist knowledge and skills to forge reliable opinions and interpretations, which are subjected to peer review (as defined within the organisation's Quality Management System) before final reporting. The decision-making process may be supported and evidenced through the use of working notes.

### Accreditation Declaration

[Fingerprint Hub] is a UKAS accredited [testing laboratory/inspection body] No 1234

\* Not UKAS accredited

DCS Image Capture System used in the Chemical Enhancement Lab

### Declaration of compliance with the Code of Conduct published by the Forensic Science Regulator

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have acted in accordance with the Code of Conduct published by the Forensic Science Regulator [\[Issue 6\]](#) However, at least one of the methods utilised in this case, as described in this report is not UKAS accredited. As this method is not within the schedule of accreditation. I have included steps taken to mitigate the risks associated with this aspect of non compliance in Annex B.

### Qualifications and Experience

I have been engaged for more than 17 years in the comparison and identification of persons by analysing the friction ridge detail of the skin on the fingers, thumbs, palms and plantar areas. I have proven competence in friction ridge identification through regular assessment in accordance with the ISO17025 standards and the Forensic Science Regulator's Codes of Practice and Conduct. I have completed training programmes to advanced fingerprint level. I have never known the friction ridge detail of different persons to be the same. I am employed by (Police), based at (Location) Serious Crime Directorate (SCD) Fingerprint Hub, HQ. The examination result(s) contained herein are based solely upon my interpretation(s) and opinion(s).

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

Statement of: Fingerprint Officer

This statement (consisting of x pages signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true. Where this statement contains expert opinion evidence, I believe that its contents also reflect my obligations to include any relevant matter required by Crim. PR 19.4. I understand and expect that Crim. PR 19.6 will apply, should another party disagree with my conclusions.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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<b>Streamlined Forensic Report (SFR2)</b>		<b>Annex A Expert Witness Declaration</b>	
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Report provided by:	<b>Fingerprint Officer</b>	Organisation:	<b>Police Force</b>
Date of report:	<b>03/03/2021</b>		

I am an expert in the field of Fingerprints.

My qualifications and experience are listed within 'Qualifications and Experience' under the accompanying MG 22 C.

I understand that my duty is to help the court to achieve the overriding objective by giving independent assistance by way of objective, unbiased opinion on matters within my expertise, both in preparing reports and giving oral evidence. I understand that this duty overrides any obligation to the party by whom I am engaged or the person who has paid or is liable to pay me. I confirm that I have complied with and will continue to comply with that duty.

1. I confirm that I have not entered into any arrangement where the amount or payment of my fees is in any way dependent on the outcome of the case.
2. I know of no conflict of interest of any kind, other than any which I have disclosed in my report.
3. I do not consider that any interest which I have disclosed affects my suitability as an expert witness on any issues on which I have given evidence.
4. I will advise the party by whom I am instructed if, between the date of my report and the trial, there is any change in circumstances which affect my answers to points 2 and 3 above.
5. I have shown the sources of all information I have used.
6. I have exercised reasonable care and skill in order to be accurate and complete in preparing this report.
7. I have endeavoured to include in my report those matters, of which I have knowledge or of which I have been made aware, that might adversely affect the validity of my opinion. I have clearly stated any qualifications to my opinion.
8. I have not, without forming an independent view, included or excluded anything which has been suggested to me by others including my instructing lawyers.
9. I will notify those instructing me immediately and confirm in writing if for any reason my existing report requires any correction or qualification.

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10. I understand that:

- a) my report will form the evidence to be given under oath or affirmation;
- b) the court may at any stage direct a discussion to take place between experts;
- c) the court may direct that, following a discussion between the experts, a statement should be prepared showing those issues which are agreed and those issues which are not agreed, together with the reasons;
- d) I may be required to attend court to be cross-examined on my report by a cross-examiner assisted by an expert;
- e) I am likely to be the subject of public adverse criticism by the judge if the Court concludes that I have not taken reasonable care in trying to meet the standards set out above.

11. I have read Part 19 of the Criminal Procedure Rules and I have complied with its requirements.

12. I confirm that I have acted in accordance with the Code of Practice and Conduct published by the Forensic Science Regulator (or have declared the nature of any non-compliance with the Code).

13. I confirm that I have read guidance contained in a booklet known as Disclosure: Experts' Evidence, Unused Material and Case Management which details my role and documents my responsibilities, in relation to revelation as an expert witness. I have followed the guidance and recognise the continuing nature of my responsibilities of disclosure. In accordance with my duties of disclosure, as documented in the guidance booklet, I confirm that:

- a) I have complied with my duties to record, retain and reveal material in accordance with the Criminal Procedure and Investigation Act 1996, as amended;
- b) I have compiled an Index of all material. I will ensure that the Index is updated in the event I am provided with or generate additional material;
- c) In the event my opinion changes on any material issue, I will inform the investigating officer, as soon as reasonably practicable and give reasons.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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### **Forensic Examination Record**

Where I have based an opinion or inference directly on a representation of fact or opinion made by another person (for example, as to the outcome of an examination, measurement, test or experiment), I have identified that person below. A case file, comprising notes made at the time of the examinations, represents a full record of the contributions of assisting members of staff, and my organisation has linked records as to the qualifications, experience and competence of the people involved.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Qualifications, Experience, Accreditation</b>	<b>Outline of Work Undertaken</b>

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Streamlined Forensic Report (SFR2)</b>		<b>Annex B Accreditation Mitigation Table</b>	
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<b>Mitigations in Place Insert Method/Result and ✓ as appropriate/delete as necessary</b>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Insert Method/Result below	Quality Management System	Validation/Verification completed	Staff competence	Quality assurance/control	Peer review	Other (add additional comments)
DSC Image Capture System	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Additional Comments:					

1. Quality Management System – A Quality Management System is in place within the organisation.
2. Validation/Verification completed – Results provided from demonstrably validated/verified methodology.
3. Staff competence – All personnel involved in producing the results have been deemed competent by their organisation.
4. Quality assurance/control – Quality assurance/control checks associated with the results passed.
5. Peer review – Results have been peer reviewed by another member of staff also deemed competent by their organisation.
6. Other

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**Disclosure Schedule Non-Sensitive Material**

The list identifies material in possession of Police Force in relation to the case referred to below which has provisionally been deemed Non-Sensitive. The list is provided in accordance with the guidance given in Guidance Booklet for Experts - Disclosure: Experts' Evidence, Case Management and Unused Material.

The purpose of this form is to inform the prosecutor of the description of all non-sensitive material relevant to the case, material that has not been examined and the location of this material. Refer to Chapter 7 of the Disclosure manual.

<b>Description and Relevance</b> (Give sufficient detail for CPS to decide if material should be disclosed or requires more detailed examination)	<b>Location</b> (State precisely where the item can be found/located)	<b>CPS USE ONLY Comments</b>
Fingerprint File Envelope (Ref: XXXXXXXXX)	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
System Generated Fingerprint Docket Report	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Enlargement of identified mark(s) from IDENT1	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Identification Result Sheet	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Blind Verification Result Form	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Copy of Streamlined Forensic Finger/Palm Report	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
PNC demographic print out	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Suspect Comparison Requests/Notifications	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Suspect Continuation Sheet	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Photographic prints of developed marks	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
Evidence Action Log	SCD Fingerprint Hub	
<b>CPS Reference</b>		<b>D=Disclose ND=Not to Disclose</b>

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Reviewing Lawyer</b>		<b>CND = Clearly not disclosable</b>
<b>Date Reviewed</b>		<b>I = Defence may Inspect</b>

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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